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THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

AUDITING COMMITTEE

AND

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1883.

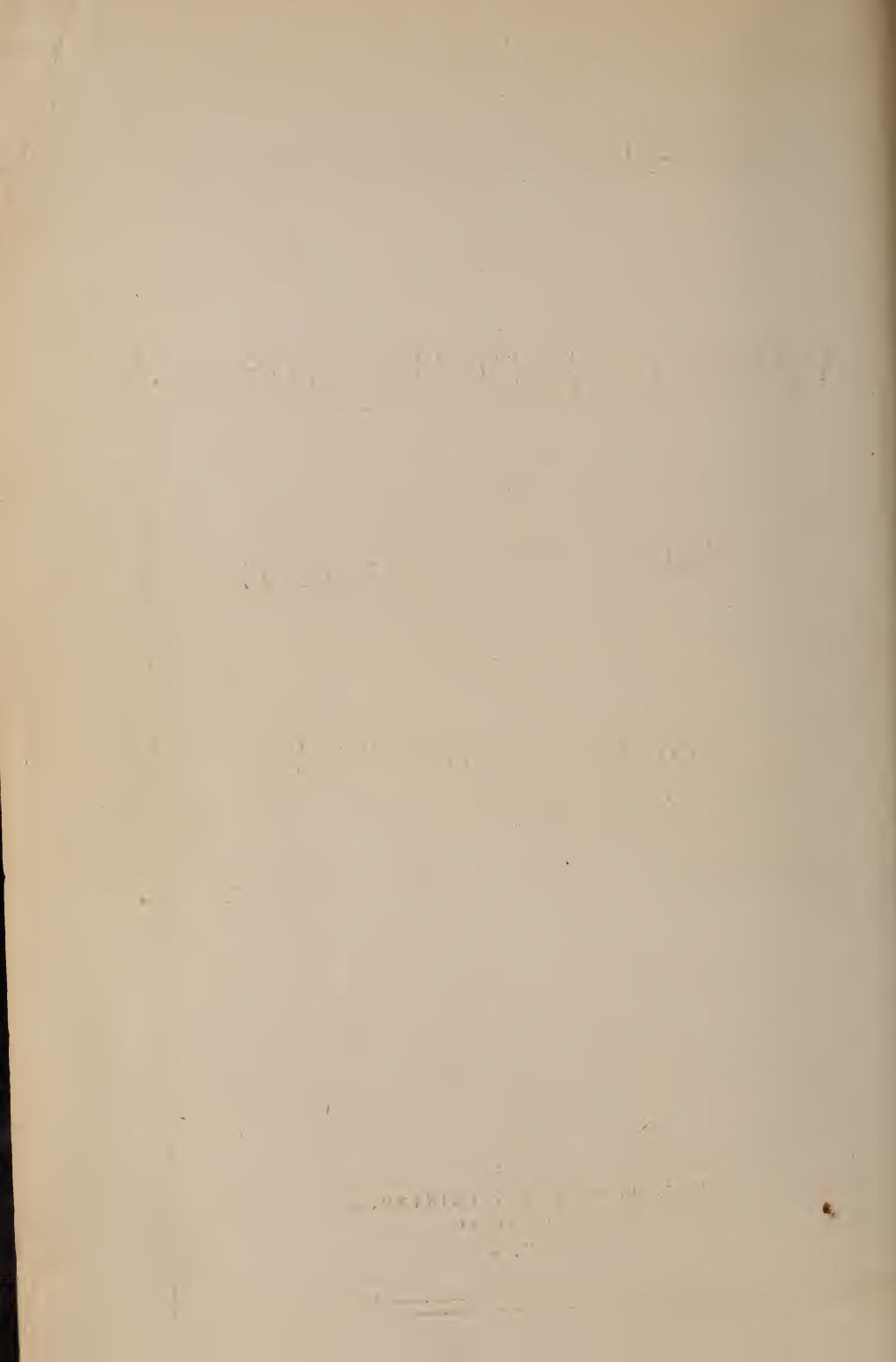


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TO THE CITIZENS OF SWAMPSCOTT :

The orderly and systematic manner in which the accounts of the Town have been kept, has been of great assistance to us in preparing this Report. The Committee have carefully examined the different departments, and find them correct, and proper vouchers for the same, and respectfully present the same for your consideration.

D. HOLMAN MILLETT,	} <i>Auditing</i>	
FRANCIS C. THING,		} <i>Committee.</i>
EDWIN A. FARNHAM,		

REPORT OF AUDITING COMMITTEE.

ASSESSORS' VALUATION OF THE TOWN, MAY 1, 1882.

Real Estate	\$2,228,330 00
Personal Estate	1,264,938 00
Total	<u>\$3,493,268 00</u>

Number of polls	612
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State tax on polls	\$1 00
County tax on polls	1 00
Total poll tax	<u>\$2 00</u>

State tax on property	64½ on \$1,000
County tax on property	49¼ on 1,000
Town tax on property	\$4 86¼ on 1,000
Total rate of taxation	<u>\$6 00 on \$1,000</u>

Total tax on polls	\$1,224 00
Total tax on personal estate	7,589 62
Total tax on real estate	13,369 98
Total tax for State, County and Town	<u>\$22,183 60</u>

Number of dwelling houses	515
Number of acres of land	1517
Number of horses	203
Number of cows	98

STATEMENT OF TOWN DEBT.

DATE OF NOTE.	TO WHOM PAYABLE.	AMOUNT.	TIME.	RATE.
Nov. 13, '74 .	Lynn Inst'n for Savings . .	\$5,000 .	10 yrs. .	7%
Nov. 13, '74 .	P. A. Chase	5,000 .	10 yrs. .	7
Nov. 13, '74 .	P. A. Chase, Trustee . . .	5,000 .	10 yrs. .	7
Nov. 13, '74 .	C. F. Coffin, Trustee . . .	11,000 .	10 yrs. .	7
May 21, '77 .	Lynn Inst'n for Savings . .	4,500 .	10 yrs. .	5
Aug. 1, '82 .	Lynn Inst'n for Savings . .	2,000 .	4 yrs. .	4
Nov. 1, '82 .	Lynn Inst'n for Savings . .	1,500 .	4 yrs. .	4
Dec. 12, '82 .	D. A. Gleason, Tr. of Mass.	1,500 .	1 yr. .	4
Dec. 12, '82 .	D. A. Gleason, Tr. of Mass.	1,500 .	2 yrs. .	4
Dec. 12, '82 .	D. A. Gleason, Tr. of Mass.	1,500 .	3 yrs. .	4
Dec. 12, '82 .	D. A. Gleason, Tr. of Mass.	1,500 .	4 yrs. .	4
Dec. 12, '82 .	D. A. Gleason, Tr. of Mass.	1,500 .	5 yrs. .	4
Dec. 12, '82 .	D. A. Gleason, Tr. of Mass.	1,500 .	6 yrs. .	4
Dec. 12, '82 .	D. A. Gleason, Tr. of Mass.	1,500 .	7 yrs. .	4
Dec. 12, '82 .	D. A. Gleason, Tr. of Mass.	1,500 .	8 yrs. .	4
Dec. 12, '82 .	D. A. Gleason, Tr. of Mass.	1,500 .	9 yrs. .	4
Dec. 12, '82 .	D. A. Gleason, Tr. of Mass.	1,500 .	10 yrs. .	4
	Outstanding orders	91		

\$49,091

Due from State Aid	\$770 00
Cash in Treasury	15,332 54
Value of Public Property	44,770 00
	\$60,872 54

Whole amount of bills paid during the year \$32,518 03

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation \$1,500 00

EXPENDITURES.

R. B. Jordan, vaccinating 12 persons	\$6 00
W. B. Chase, vaccinating 10 persons	5 00
E. A. Farnham, services Auditor	25 00
J. E. Alger, distributing Reports	5 00
W. C. Leavitt, distributing Reports	5 00
Geo. F. King & Merrill, stationery	3 00
Auburndale Watch Co., thermometer	3 00
B. J. Lindsey, services Auditor	20 00
Hastings & Sons, advertisement location L. &	
B. H. R. R. Co.	3 33
D. H. Millett, papers for Asses. Dept. . . .	1 20
Rockwell & Churchill, mortgage blanks . . .	6 50
Thos. P. Nichols, printing warrants	6 00
Thos. P. Nichols, printing 800 Town Reports	100 87
D. H. Millett, papers for Asses. Depr. . . .	6 40
C. M. Beckford, stencils	1 75
Geo. F. King & Merrill, Treasurer's book . .	6 50
John Mahan, 7 days' labor at Stacey's Brook .	12 25
Hastings & Sons, ad. Assessors' notice . . .	26 00
C. W. Gay, writing deeds of land from D. K. &	
L. H. Phillips	2 00
C. W. Gay, survey and plan of above	16 08
Joseph W. Glass, 5 days' labor at Stacey's Br.	8 75
A. R. Gay, stationery	2 30

Amount carried forward,

\$271 93

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$271 93
John Mahan, 3 days' labor at Stacey's Brook .	5 25
John L. Seger, stationery	1 25
Isaac K. Harris, survey of Stacey's Brook . .	10 00
John Chapman, repairing Mrs. N. Blanchard's fence	5 00
Scott Bros., flagging for gutters	9 00
Benj. A. Martin, posting notices	1 50
Town of Marblehead, taxes on gravel pit . .	12 10
E. Boynton, qualifying special police	1 00
Geo. F. King & Merrill, sundries	3 00
S. N. Breed & Co., lumber for town scales . .	5 95
Timothy Ryan, 1½ days' labor on sea wall . .	2 62
D. H. Millett, services as Assessor	125 00
Chas. Rowell, labor and stock on sea wall . .	35 91
B. J. Lindsey, carpet for Selectmen's room .	31 12
Geo. F. King & Merrill, sundries	1 75
Robert Harris, teaming for sea wall	8 25
Philbrick & Pope, sundries	7 45
B. J. Lindsey, services Town Clerk	75 00
B. J. Lindsey, recording births, marriages and deaths	29 40
B. J. Lindsey, cash paid for stationery. ex- pressing, etc.	3 52
Allen Rowe, services as Selectman	125 00
John Washburn, carriage for Assessors . . .	4 00
John Washburn, storing derrick	3 00
P. Gardiner, stock and labor in Selectmen's room	2 50
Alonzo Carey, services as Assessor	40 00
E. Boynton, services as Justice of the Peace .	1 00
E. Boynton, services as Sealer of Weights and Measures	1 00
Thos. Pedrick, weighing coal, 1881	4 00
A. R. Bunting, services as Selectman	125 00
John L. Seger, services as Sec'y for Selectmen	100 00
J. H. Crosman, returning 20 deaths	5 00
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<u>\$1,056 50</u>

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,056 50
Dean Peabody, legal advice	15 00
Amos Holt, services as Fence Viewer	2 00
P. Holden, professional services, 1881-'82	15 50
D. P. Stimpson, professional services, postage and rent of P.O. box	7 44
A. R. Bunting, cash paid for traveling expenses	16 35
J. A. Knowlton, cash paid for traveling ex.	16 88
J. A. Knowlton, cash paid for telegrams	98
J. A. Knowlton, 2 shelves and brackets	2 00
J. A. Knowlton, recording deeds and plan	1 15
J. A. Knowlton, services as Selectman	150 00
Geo. H. Holden, services as Treasurer	150 00
Geo. H. Holden, stationery and postage	3 75
P. Gardiner, repairing fence at King's Beach	50
M. E. Porter, services as Collector	214 00
Geo. F. King & Merrill, balance of acct. 1881	4 25
C. K. & W. H. Roberts, expressing	8 00
	<hr/> * \$1664 30

* \$37 08 of this amount was for bills remaining unpaid for the years, 1881-'82.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT,

Appropriation \$7,300 00

EXPENDITURES.

J. B. Clark, services as teacher	\$1,200 00
Grace B. Clark, services as teacher	280 00
A. M. Mott, services as teacher	500 00
C. F. Mott, services as teacher	450 00
H. J. Thing, services as teacher	450 00
E. J. Machon, services as teacher	400 00

Amount carried forward, \$3,280 00

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$3,280 00
Annie E. Boynton, services as teacher	400 00
Fannie L. Stanley, services as teacher	400 00
L. W. Cochrane, services as teacher	430 00
Lucy G. Chase, services as teacher	390 00
E. J. Hadley, services as teacher	490 00
Frank O. Ellis, services as School Committee .	100 00
Ivory Emmons, services as School Committee .	100 00
S. O. Ingalls, services as School Committee .	50 00
Ivory Emmons, stock and labor	50 86
E. S. Martin, services janitor Grammar School	370 00
E. S. Martin, cash paid for repairing clock . .	1 25
Mrs. Casey, janitor Farm School	50 00
J. E. Alger, janitor Pine St. School	40 00
John Pierce, janitor Pine St. School	25 00
Mrs. John Pierce, janitor Pine St. School . .	25 00
R. V. Bessom, janitor Essex St. School . . .	50 00
Mrs. H. Coan, janitor Beach School	100 00
A. F. Nesbitt, services as Truant Officer, 1881	45 00
Geo. F. King & Merrill, stationery	26 00
Geo. F. King & Merrill, 1 case of crayons . .	8 00
J. P. Small, repairing lock	70
John Gallagher, setting glass in Grammar S. H.	75
Jos. S. Brown, labor at Grammar School H. .	2 63
Jos. S. Brown, labor at West End School H. .	1 49
N. E. School Furnishing Co., stationery . . .	3 41
H. F. Miller, piano	250 00
Calvin Tucker, soap	34
E. Boynton, books	11 09
Henry Widger, teaming	1 75
Mrs. A. B. Shaw, cleaning Grammar S. Room	5 00
G. A. Taylor, 11 keys	2 30
Hastings & Sons, ad. proposals for Grammar	
School House	5 50
N. E. School Furnishing Co., stationery . . .	10 80
P. Cullen, sundries	2 00
F. J. Cushing, stock and labor	10 25
<i>Amount carried forward</i>	<u>\$6,739 12</u>

<i>Amount brought forward.</i>	\$6,739 12
Benj. Callender & Co., 6 call bells	4 35
F. F. Small. cleaning vaults	7 00
Thos. P. Nichols. printing School Reports	23 00
L. A. May & Co., 1 duster	1 35
Frank O. Ellis, 5 dusters	3 00
Schaffer & Bye, advertising proposals	3 50
H. Hume, books	9 58
Mrs. H. Connell, cleaning Grammar School	5 00
Michael Ryan, 1 day's labor.	1 75
Lee & Shepard, books	5 60
J. E. Law, printing programmes	3 00
W. D. Brown, tuning piano	6 00
Thompson, Brown & Co., merchandise	15 07
Waldo Thompson, insurance, mechanics' risk	48 50
E. J. Hadley, use of organ	4 00
I. H. Andrews, stock and labor	25 62
Philbrick & Pope, do. Grammar School	78 69
Philbrick & Pope, do. Pine St. School	37 88
Philbrick & Pope, do. Beach School	10 70
Philbrick & Pope, do. Farm School	4 75
Philbrick & Pope, do. Essex St. School	3 90
Ivory Emmons, do. Beach School	3 24
Ivory Emmons, do. Pine St. School	1 70
B. T. Getchell, labor	5 80
J. E. Phillips & Co. stock and labor, Grammar School	11 00
J. E. Phillips & Co. do. Pine St.	7 75
A. Choate & Co., coal, Essex St. School	19 50
A. Choate & Co., coal and slabs, Pine St. School	51 98
A. Choate & Co., coal and slabs. Beach School	24 54
A. Choate & Co., coal, Grammar School	204 23
A. Choate & Co., coal, Beach School	18 75
A. Choate & Co., coal, Farm School	19 00
A. Choate & Co., coal, Grammar School	25 11

Amount carried forward,

\$7,433 96

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$7,433 96
William Rowell, stock and labor, Grammar School	1 00
J. L. Hammett, 3 doz. erasers	5 75
Geo. H. Holden & Co., sundries	45 28
Hall & Whiting, ink, etc.	12 69
P. Gardiner, stock and labor, Grammar School	1 50
J. C. Norton, tuning and repairing organ, Primary School, Redington Street	3 50
A. J. Kelly, repairs on boiler	2 50
C. W. Leach & Co., school cards	3 00
John E. Melzard, setting glass	1 75
Theron Porter, stock and labor,	1 40
Knight, Adams & Co., 100 drawing pencils	3 00
P. Holden, 4 cedar posts, Grammar School	2 30
Thomas Hall, repairing apparatus, do.	9 75
Geo. T. Newhall, advertising proposals do.	2 00
C. E. Durgin, water pot, Pine St. School	1 25
O. Lappen & Co., sundries	5 45
Breed & Sprague, wood and coal	32 04
C. K. & W. H. Roberts, expressing	10 60
	<hr/> \$7,578 72

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$4,000 00
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EXPENDITURES.

J. Henry Widger, 30 $\frac{3}{4}$ days' labor, \$3.50	\$107 62
Wm. Haley, 45 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, \$1.75	79 61
Michael Casey, 5 days, \$1.50	7 50
Michael Casey, 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, \$1.75	35 78
Patrick Carroll, 42 $\frac{3}{4}$ days, \$1.75	74 79
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$305 30

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$305 30
John Mahan, 62 $\frac{3}{4}$ days, \$1.75	109 77
Geo. Wellman, 57 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, \$1.75	100 62
D. J. Myers, 22 days, \$1.75	38 50
D. J. Myers, 13 days, \$2.00	26 00
D. W. Nesbett, 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, \$1.75	46 37
Daniel Ford, 11 days, \$1.75	19 25
John Myers, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, \$1.75	20 12
John Myers, 12 days, \$2.00	24 00
James O. Stone, 35 days, \$1.75	61 25
Daniel Myers, 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, \$1.75	46 36
Daniel Myers, 12 days, \$2.50	30 00
Geo. Stone, 21 days, team, \$3.50	73 50
S. H. Shaw, 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, team, \$3.50	36 75
John McDonough, 33 days, team, \$3.50	115 50
Stephen Randall, 15 days, team, \$3.50	52 50
Rienzi Phillips, 11 days, team, \$3.50	38 50
Patrick Farrell, 34 $\frac{1}{4}$ days, team, \$3.50	119 87
Patrick Farrell, 14 days, \$1.75	24 50
Patrick Moore, 20 days, team, \$3.50	70 00
John Gannon, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, team, \$3.50	43 75
Dennis Lyons, 15 days, team, \$3.50	52 50
James Bryson, 7 days, team, \$3.50	24 50
James Bryson, teaming gravel for sidewalks	18 75
Thomas Widger, 7 days, team, \$3.50	24 50
Martin Neis, 7 days, team, \$3.50	24 50
H. M. Pierce, 6 days, \$1.75	10 50
Daniel J. Myers, 1 day, \$1.75	1 75
Daniel J. Myers, setting curbstone, Pine St.	2 00
Joseph Higgenbottom, teaming stone	1 00
J. N. Phillips, 1 day	1 75
C. B. Delano, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, \$1.75	9 62
Jos. S. Brown, trimming trees, etc.	2 60
John McDonough, 6 days, team, \$3.50	21 00
John Gannon, blasting, Essex St., contract	40 00
John Gannon, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ days, \$2.50	8 75
John Gannon, 2 days, with cart.	3 00

Amount carried forward,

\$1,649 13

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,649 13
John Gannon, powder, fuse, etc.	2 00
James Myers, 1 day,	1 75
W. C. Leavitt, $\frac{1}{2}$ day	87
T. Ryan, $10\frac{1}{2}$ days, \$1.75	18 47
P. H. Ryan, $40\frac{1}{2}$ days, \$1.75	70 87
Thomas Ryan, $29\frac{1}{2}$ days, \$1.75	51 62
Peter A. Ryan, $43\frac{1}{2}$ days, \$1.75	76 19
M. J. Ryan, 15 days, \$1.75	26 25
M. J. Ryan, $18\frac{1}{2}$ days, \$1.50	27 75
Michael Ryan, 67 days, \$1.75	117 24
Timothy Ryan, $55\frac{1}{2}$ days, \$1.75	97 11
C. S. Pitman, 81 days, personal serv. \$3.00	243 00
C. S. Pitman, 108 days, team, \$3.50	378 00
C. S. Pitman, 60 days, team, \$1.75	104 99
C. S. Pitman, teaming stone, Danvers road	2 00
J. P. M. S. Pitman, 4 days, \$1.75	7 00
P. Holden, 53 loads stone, 10c.	5 30
Amos Holt, repairing plank sidewalk . . .	2 00
Geo. H. Holden & Co., sundries	2 82
Geo. Towns, 52 loads gravel, delivered, 60 c	31 20
S. N. Breed & Co., lumber and nails . . .	19 41
Thos. Bergin, sharpening picks and drills .	9 86
L. H. Peck, powder and fuse	10 00
Ames' Plow Co., 2 wheelbarrows	5 50
Ames' Plow Co., 1 doz. shovels	12 75
P. Cullen, sharpening picks and drills . .	42 18
Robert Harris, teaming	12 00
Robert Harris, personal service and labor .	19 62
John Washburn, 13 days, team, \$3.50 . . .	45 50
Ivory Emmons, pumping water	200 00
J. Henry Widger, teaming gravel	1 70
M. Kennedy, 1 day, culverts	2 50
Daniel F. Knowlton, $2\frac{3}{4}$ days, Pine St. . . .	7 50
Daniel F. Knowlton, $4\frac{1}{4}$ days, Swamp road	8 50
John Kennedy, 1 day, repairing culvert . .	1 75

Amount carried forward, \$3,314 33

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$3,314 33	
W. H. Bell's Express, damage to wagon and goods, Essex St.	225 00	
James Bryson, 2 days, team, on snow, \$3.50	7 00	
Patrick Carroll, 2 days, on snow, \$1.75 . .	3 50	
Timothy Ryan, 2 days, on snow, \$1.75 . .	3 50	
P. H. Ryan, $\frac{1}{2}$ day, on snow	87	
John Mahan, 1 day, on snow	1 75	
William Haley, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days, on snow, \$1.75 .	6 12	
Michael Ryan, 1 day, on snow	1 75	
Robert Harris, labor with team, on snow .	11 12	
Charles S. Pitman, teaming rails and repairing road, Essex St.	2 00	.
Charles S. Pitman, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days with horse, snow	6 12	
Charles S. Pitman, $3\frac{1}{2}$ days' personal service on snow,	10 50	
Charles S. Pitman, labor on snow	4 75	
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OVERSEERS OF POOR DEPARTMENT,

Appropriation \$1,600 00

EXPENDITURES.


Essex Co. Receptacle for the Insane, board of Margaret Welch	\$95 10
Clothing for Margaret Welch	22 00
Worcester Lunatic Hospital, board of Margaret Welch	46 43
Clothing, etc. for Margaret Welch . . .	6 00
Danvers Lunatic Hospital, board of Jennie Stanley	127 68
Sundries for Jennie Stanley	20
Board of Maria Hatch	169 47

<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$466 88
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<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$466 88
Sundries for Maria Hatch	24
Board of Edward Brimblecom	169 47
Sundries for Edward Brimblecom	1 45
Board of Sarah P. Russell	117 49
Sundries for Sarah P. Russell	1 94
Board of Mahala Woodbury	158 30
Sundries for Mahala Woodbury	2 52
Board of Geo. Pettigrew	147 62
Sundries for Geo. Pettigrew	1 75
Town of Natick, aid rendered H. Allen's child	110 00
T. O'Conner, rent for Sarah Myers	50 00
T. O'Conner, coal for Sarah Myers	1 00
Abram Stone, board of Richardson's child .	77 92
City of Lynn, aid rendered Caroline Pierce	7 50
Chas. Clarrage, board J. K. Woodbury's child	57 50
Town of Peabody, board Arthur Woodbury	21 07
State Primary School, board A. Woodbury	11 00
N. Seaver, aid rendered Ellen Burrows . .	36 00
T. O'Mara, rent for Sarah Myers	5 00
Jane Proctor, board of Mary Proctor . . .	8 00
Geo. W. Stone, rent for Peter A. Martin, Jr.	38 50
G. H. Holden & Co., groceries to J. O. Stone	20 79
B. J. Lindsey, pair boots to J. O. Stone . .	3 10
C. E. Durgin, groceries to J. O. Stone . .	5 05
C. E. Durgin & Co., groceries, W. Wright	5 00
C. E. Durgin, groceries to T. H. Durgin .	5 00
G. H. Durgin & Co., groceries, J. O. Stone	5 00
G. H. Holden & Co., groceries A. Woodbury	15 06
S. J. Pettengill, groceries to Chas. Bacon .	99 60
S. J. Pettengill, groceries to W. Wright .	5 00
S. J. Pettengill, groceries to T. H. Durgin	10 00
S. J. Pettengill, groceries to M. Connell .	6 00
S. J. Pettengill, groceries to Chas. Bacon .	19 95
S. J. Pettengill, groceries to M. Connell .	20 00
S. J. Pettengill, groceries to W. Wright .	15 00
John Washburn, coal and team. Sol Abbott	4 75

Amount carried forward,

\$1,730 45

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,730 45
John Washburn, cash p'd Mahala Woodbury	7 59
John Washburn, boat, trawls, K. Woodbury	14 00
John Washburn, clothing to A. Woodbury	6 00
John Washburn, carriages to Danvers . .	8 00
John Washburn, expenses to Worcester . .	7 75
John Washburn, services as Overseer . . .	35 00
Dr. R. B. Jordan, medical attendance on W. Wright family	13 00
Dr. R. B. Jordan, do. Mahala Woodbury .	4 40
N. M. Hawkes, legal advice,	20 00
John C. Stimpson, services Overseer . . .	50 00
John A. Rogers, services Overseer	18 74
John A. Rogers, travelling expenses . . .	1 26
A. Choate & Co., fuel for C. Bacon . . .	37 25
A. Choate & Co., fuel for Kate Frazier . .	15 50
A. Choate & Co., fuel for Sarah Myers . .	6 70
A. Choate & Co., fuel for Caroline Pierce .	6 70
A. Choate & Co., fuel for M. Connell . . .	6 70
A. Choate & Co., fuel for T. H. Durgin . .	6 70
A. Choate & Co., fuel for J. O. Stone . . .	4 60
A. Choate & Co., fuel for W. Wright . . .	6 70
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 <i>For Reimbursements see page 28.</i>	\$2,007 04

TOWN HALL DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation, receipts	\$285 50
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EXPENDITURES.

Lynn Gas Light Co.	\$110 50
Daniel F. Knowlton, repairing fence . . .	8 25
N. D. Russell, stock, labor and piping . .	13 47
P. Trayers, white washing	1 50
P. Gardiner, stock and labor	4 87
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$138 59

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$138 59	
S. J. Pettengill, sundries	3 70	
S. N. Breed & Co., stock	19 45	
John J. Adams, setting glass	1 20	
J. E. O. Nesbitt, extra services as janitor 1881 and 1882	25 00	
J. E. O. Nesbitt, do. for March, 1882 . .	19 60	
P. Gardiner, repairing book-case	1 50	
Philbrick & Pope, sundries	28 64	
John I. Adams, painting Selectmen's room	10 90	
C. Tucker, oil	1 40	
W. H. Hutchinson, papering Selectmen's r'm	11 75	
Geo. H. Holden & Co., sundries	2 57	
A. Choate & Co., coal	66 25	
A. F. Nesbitt, janitor	175 00	
F. F. Small, cleaning vault	2 00	
Harry Pierce, cleaning cellar	2 63	
J. P. Small, sundries	2 81	
	<hr/>	\$512 99

LIBRARY DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$800 00	
Dog Tax	192 11	
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EXPENDITURES.

Estes & Lauriat, books	\$244 ⁷ / ₁₀₀
Courtis & Breare, binding books	88 40
Charles Rowell, labor	1 00
Philbrick & Pope, stock and labor	6 65
John H. Bean, repairing table	3 00
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<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	\$343 84

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$343 84
W. B. Gifford & Co., paper ceiling	37 00
C. K. & W. H. Roberts, expressing . . .	2 75
L. A. May & Co., chandelier	8 99
L. A. May & Co., chandelier, etc.	11 22
National Subscription Co., books	34 50
Hollingsworth & Whitney, Manilla paper .	20 80
Peter Gill, show cards	1 25
John I. Adams, painting settees	1 50
Thos. P. Nichols printing 500 catalogues .	40 00
Thos. P. Nichols, printing 3000 cards . .	23 00
James E. Phillips, painting, as per contract	55 00
B. J. Lindsey, oil carpet	33 63
Ivory Emmons, contract, extension Library	125 00
Ivory Emmons, extra work and stock . .	11 93
John Earp, services as assistant	12 50
Herbert Stone, services as assistant . . .	15 00
Charles C. Merritt, services as assistant .	15 00
Charles G. Rowell, services as assistant . .	33 33
Charles G. Rowell, sundries	5 64
S. L. Honors, services as Librarian . . .	175 00
Mrs. Gallagher, cleaning	1 20
H. E. Metcalf, books	7 06
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	\$1,015 14

LAMP DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation \$1,600 00

EXPENDITURES.

Globe Gas Light Co., care and lighting . .	\$1,410 38
Lewis C. Smith, painting posts and lanterns	22 80
Peleg Gardiner, labor on posts	1 50
Globe Gas Light Co., glass and frames . .	13 49
C. K. & W. H. Roberts, expressing . . .	1 50
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	\$1,449 67

DANVERS ST, BRIDGE.

Appropriation	\$750 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Henry W. Rogers, writing contract	\$2 00
P. Gardiner, labor	13 75
D. F. Knowlton, labor and stock	3 39
Scott Bros., contract	516 30
S. N. Breed & Co., stock	167 23
Charles Knowlton, paint and labor	5 25
	\$707 92

FIRE-PROOF VAULT.

Appropriation	\$750 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Patrick Carroll, 6 days' labor, \$1.75	\$10 50
William Haley, 2 days' labor, \$1.75	3 50
E. R. Morse & Co., vault doors	125 00
Foster Peirce, 5 days' labor, \$1.75	8 75
N. G. Chapin, agt. E. R. R., iron	36 90
J. Higginbottom, labor, $\frac{1}{2}$ day	87
A. W. Rowell, 3 days' labor, \$3.50	10 50
William Rowell, $\frac{1}{2}$ day's labor	1 75
Fred Stocker, bricks	245 85
Charles Rowell, labor	76 87
D. F. Knowlton, stock and labor	15 50
Scott Bros., stone	15 00
T. A. Newhall, lime, cement and sand	63 21
John Washburn, teaming	23 48
A. R. Bunting, 12 days' labor, \$3.50	42 00

Amount carried forward,	\$679 68
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<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$679 68	
P. Cullen & Son, stock	2 13	
P. Gardiner, case in vault	42 00	
John I. Adams, painting	8 75	
B. Potter & Son, plan of case	1 00	
	<hr/>	\$733 56

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Joseph F. Symonds, services as police . .	\$461 50
Joseph F. Symonds, enforcing dog law . .	15 00
George M. Conner, services as police . . .	203 50
City of Lynn, services of Lynn police, Ocean	
House fire	17 50
S. Y. Atwood, services at Ocean House fire	5 00
John Griffin, do.	3 00
S. S. Stone, do.	3 00
E. G. Blaney, do.	3 00
A. F. Rogers, do.	11 50
Joseph Glass, do.	4 00
William Martin, do.	4 00
Jasper Stone, do.	3 00
W. Wright, do.	3 00
John Pedrick, do.	4 00
Benj. A. Martin, do.	9 60
W. H. Hammond, do.	3 00
P. H. Ryan, do.	6 00
Peter Coan, do.	5 00
E. T. Heath, do.	3 00
John Melzard, do.	3 00

Amount carried forward, \$770 60

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$770 60
M. B. Harding, services at Ocean House fire	8 00
C. E. Harris, do.	3 00
Geo. W. Harris, do.	3 00
John Pedrick, do.	3 00
F. N. Dearborn, do.	3 00
D. F. Knowlton, do.	3 75
E. S. Martin, Jr. do.	3 00
H. I. Waitt, do.	2 00
D. Mahan, do.	3 00
S. H. Shaw, do.	3 00
C. B. Delano, services at Blaney's fire . .	3 00
J. H. Myers, do.	80
Wm. Widger, do.	3 00
Gilley Carroll, do.	3 00
M. E. Porter, services as police 4th of July	3 00
J. E. O. Nesbitt, do.	5 00
Nathl. Galeucia, services as police	6 00
W. F. Brown, carrying prisoner to Lynn .	1 00
D. F. Knowlton, services with team . . .	2 50
A. F. Nesbitt, services as police	5 00
D. W. Nesbitt, services as police	5 00
D. W. Nesbitt, services as constable . . .	14 50
James Wheeler, services as constable . . .	14 00
Wm. Reed & Son, 2 pairs twisters	1 50
John P. Lovell, cartridges	60
Wm. Reed & Son, handcuffs	3 75
John Washburn, teams	6 00
C. A. Twichell & Co., police badges . . .	11 50
John Chapman, repairs at Cullen's shop . .	1 00
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	\$895 50

BLANEY'S BEACH DRAIN.

EXPENDITURES.

P. Gardiner, labor	\$24 75
M. Kennedy, labor	2 75
John Kennedy, labor	3 50
S. H. Shaw, labor	4 38
M. Ryan, labor	7 88
T. Ryan, labor	8 74
Wm. Granger, labor	2 63
Morrison Bros., driving piles	65 00
Frank Picknell, labor	4 50
Daniel F. Knowlton, labor	6 00
Charles Melvin, labor	88
Charles Knowlton, labor	3 00
S. N. Breed & Co., stock	106 44
Scott Bros., stone	10 40
P. Ryan, labor	3 50
P. Carroll, labor	6 25
Thomas Bergin, stock and labor	3 60
John Mahan, 4½ days' labor, \$1.75	7 87
Patrick Carroll, 2½ days' labor, \$1.75	4 38
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	\$276 45

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$350 00
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EXPENDITURES.

D. W. Nesbitt, labor	\$2 00
David Warren, cleaning beach	75 00
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Amount carried forward,	\$77 00

<i>Amount brought forward</i>	\$77 00	
John Stanley, services on Board of Health	15 00	
W. H. Collins, do.	15 00	
Abner Hayford, do.	15 00	
F. A. Cole, cleaning King's Beach	2 00	
	<hr/>	\$124 00

INDIGENT SOLDIERS' DEPARTMENT.

Essex Co. Receptacle for the Insane, board of William Quiner	\$130 35	
Clothing to William Quiner	22 00	
Worcester Asylum for the Chronic Insane board of James Bishop	186 01	
Military aid to John P. Pierce	20 00	
Military aid to Benj. M. Green	96 00	
	<hr/>	\$454 36

WATER PIPE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$15,000 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Charles W. Gay, survey and plan of streets, preparing specifications, contracts .	\$105 00	
Norman, Weaver & Co., laying water pipes	4,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$4,105 00

STREET CROSSING DEPARTMENT

Appropriation and unexpended balance . .	\$321 90
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EXPENDITURE.

Farnum & Hook, 96 yds. concrete, 50 cts. .	\$48 00
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CURBSTONE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$800 00	
Unexpended balance of 1881	335 57	
	<hr/>	\$1,132 57
Received of George W. Harding	4 33	
D. K. & L. H. Phillips	45 58	
Edward T. Rich	16 60	
Mary E. Meredith	61 69	
Olivia H. Griffith	23 50	
Milton D. Porter	19 07	
Susanna Stone	18 20	
	<hr/>	\$188 97
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		\$1,321 54

EXPENDITURES.

Scott Bros., stone	\$835 87	
Scott Bros., blasting, Ocean House	24 00	
Scott Bros., 1 day setting stone	2 50	
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RAILROAD AVENUE DEPARTMENT.

EXPENDITURES.

James Bryson, teaming gravel	\$109 65	
S. H. Shaw, teaming gravel	2 63	
M. J. Ryan, 16 days' labor, \$1.75	28 00	
Timothy Ryan, 8½ days' labor, \$1.75	14 87	
John Mahan, 12 days' labor, \$1.75	21 00	
Patrick Carroll, 5 days' labor, \$1.75	8 75	
Eastern Railroad Co., gravel	14 34	
	<hr/>	\$199 24

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation \$300 00

EXPENDITURES.

C. S. Pitman, clearing snow and ice . . .	\$8 00	
C. S. Pitman, plants and shrubs	28 00	
C. S. Pitman, sail cloth	2 50	
C. S. Pitman, 5 days' labor, team, \$1.75 .	8 75	
C. S. Pitman, 7 days' labor, personal, \$3 .	21 00	
C. S. Pitman, services as Superintendent .	25 00	
W. H. Collins, painting gate and post . .	2 25	
Geo. H. Holden, scythe, etc.	2 55	
Joseph Higginbottom, 10 days' labor, \$1.75	17 50	
Joseph Higginbottom, labor	4 25	
Joseph S. Brown, 40 $\frac{1}{4}$ days, \$1.75	70 45	
Benj. Potter & Sons, 1 post	75	
		<hr/> \$191 00

ENLARGEMENT OF GRAMMAR SCHOOL HOUSE.

Appropriation \$3,500 00

EXPENDITURES.

Isaac H. Andrews, contract	\$2,166 00
Isaac H. Andrews, stock and extra work .	35 68
Ingalls & Kendrickken, contract, steam heat- ing apparatus	325 00
Ingalls & Kendrickken, extra work on same	65 82
Ingalls & Kendrickken, repairs on steam app.	9 11
Buffalo Hardware Co., school furniture . .	400 00
Freight on school furniture	30 00
A. G. Whitcomb, chairs and settees . . .	55 64
<i>Amount carried forward,</i>	<hr/> \$3,087 25

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$3,087 25
Philbrick & Pope, sundries	11 25
J. E. Bray, labor	1 25
S. N. Breed & Co., lumber	8 65
Henry McElwain, black-boards	93 00
H. M. Norton, labor and stock on vaults	40 00
H. M. Norton, coloring walls	25 00
Ivory Emmons, plans and specifications	25 00
Ivory Emmons, stock and labor	48 42
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	\$3,339 82

FIRE DEPARTMENT.

Appropriation	\$2,300 00
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EXPENDITURES.

Lynn Fire Department, services at Nicker- son fire	\$400 00
Lynn Fire Department, services at Blaney and Ocean House fires	800 00
Lynn Water Board, water for hydrant	25 00
Town of Marblehead, services at Ocean House fire	200 00
Worthly, Downes & Co., 50 ft. suction hose	150 00
Worthly, Downes & Co., 2 sets couplings	34 00
Worthly, Downes & Co., strainer	12 00
Bishop & Bros., 5 ladders	37 65
A. F. Nesbitt, services as Engineer	7 00
Ivory Emmons, services as Engineer	25 00
Nath'l Galeucia, services as Engineer	6 00
Ivory Emmons, stock and labor	23 20
Worthly, Downs & Co., 1 connection	9 00
S. N. Breed & Co., lumber	35 91

Amount carried forward, \$1,764 76

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,764 76
James Knowlton, of Hotel Beacon, refreshments at Ocean House fire	10 00
Hunneman & Co., repairing hose, etc. . .	5 75
Foote & Horton, adv. card of thanks, Salem	1 00
S. J. Pettingell, sundries	5 38
M. T. Roberts, 4 cans milk at Ocean House fire	2 00
Geo. H. Holden & Co., sundries	15
John Washburn, coach to Salem, Ocean House fire	7 00
John Washburn, coach to Marblehead. Ocean House fire	7 00
John Washburn, coach to Lynn, Ocean House fire	6 00
W. H. Collins, painting ladders	2 50
Geo. H. Copeland, coffee to firemen . . .	4 85
Robert Harris, teaming	75
Robert Harris, teaming water	3 00
J. H. Myers, labor on engine	2 60
A. F. Rogers, cleaning engine	1 00
Stephen McDonough, 16 hours labor on eng.	8 00
M. B. Harding, labor	4 00
Henry Widger, teaming engine	1 50
Josiah Nickerson, services, Ocean House fire	6 00
Wm. Martin, do.	3 00
J. F. Crowell, do.	4 50
P. H. Ryan, do.	2 00
C. B. Delano, do.	2 00
Wm. Widger, do.	2 00
E. F. Knowlton, do.	6 00
Peter Ryan, do.	3 00
Gilly Carroll, do.	2 00
W. Melzard, do.	3 00
J. C. Bassett, do.	3 00
D. J. Myers, do.	6 00
John Melzard, do.	2 00

Amount carried forward,

\$1,881 74

<i>Amount brought forward,</i>	\$1,881 74
Henry Widger, services at Ocean House fire	5 00
Amos Cahoon, do.	6 00
James E. Phillips, do.	6 00
J. H. Bryson, do.	5 00
S. H. Shaw, do.	1 80
A. Rowell, do.	3 00
D. Lyons, do.	2 60
Edward Cobb, do.	6 00
A. F. Nesbitt, do.	2 00
Dan'l F. Knowlton, do.	2 00
Josiah Nickerson, services, Blaney house fire	3 00
Wm. Martin, do.	6 00
J. F. Crowell, do.	4 50
Edward Cobb, do.	3 00
R. P. Kendrick, do.	4 50
Chas. Knowlton, do.	2 00
Timothy Ryan, do.	1 00
P. H. Ryan, do.	1 50
C. W. Myrick, do.	3 00
A. Rowell, services at Nickerson's fire . .	3 00
Amos Cahoon, do.	4 00
J. F. Crowell, do.	3 50
Henry Widger, do.	4 00
Stephen McDonough, do.	3 00
Geo. B. Knowlton, do.	4 00
Edward Cobb, do.	3 00
E. F. Knowlton, do.	4 00
B. A. Martin, do.	1 50
A. F. Nesbitt, do.	5 00

\$1,984 64

STATE AID DEPARTMENT.

EXPENDITURES.

Joseph W. Glass	\$59 00	
Mary Milan	48 00	
A. C. Widger	48 00	
Nath'l Martin	48 00	
Mrs. Chute	36 00	
Mattie J. Fairbanks	32 00	
Emma J. Pedrick,	3 00	
James Umber	3 00	
John C. Stimpson	120 00	
John Merritt	54 00	
Mary Haley	48 00	
Wm. T. Cochrane	54 00	
Thomas S. Carroll	48 00	
George Horton, Jr.	18 00	
W. T. Fay	96 00	
Geo. W. Pierce	27 00	
S. M. Shattuck	16 00	
Emma I. Lowe	12 00	
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		\$770 00

OVERSEERS' DEPARTMENT, *From Page 15.*

Total amount paid out	\$2,007 04	
Reimbursed by John Stanley	\$127 88	
J. P. Russell	119 30	
Mary G. Proctor	12 00	
J. K. Woodbury	14 00	
Mrs. Parsons	13 55	
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		\$286 73
Actual expense of Poor Department	\$1,720 31	

RECAPITULATION

	Appropriations and Receipts.	Expenditures.
Selectmen's Department	\$1,500 00	\$1,664 30
School Department	7,300 00	7,578 72
Overseers of Poor Department	1,600 00	2,007 04
Town Hall Department, (receipts) . .	285 50	512 99
Cemetery Department	300 00	191 00
Health Department	350 00	124 00
Street Lamp Department	1,600 00	1,449 67
Curbstone Department, \$800, and unex- pended balance of 1881	1,132 57	862 37
Railroad Avenue Department		199 24
State Aid Department		770 00
Indigent Soldier's Department		454 36
Fire-Proof Vault Department	750 00	733 56
Highway Department	4,000 00	3,598 31
Enlargement Grammar School Dept. .	3,500 00	3,339 82
Street Crossings, (unex. bal. 1881,) .	321 90	48 00
Blaney's Beach Drain Department . .		276 45
Danvers Street Bridge Department . .	750 00	707 92
Water-Pipe Department	15,000 00	4,105 00
Fire Department	2,300 00	1,984 64
Police Department	1,000 00	895 50
Library Dept., \$800, Dog Tax, \$192.11	992 11	1,015 14
Interest	2,200 00	2,045 00
State Tax }	4,500 00	2,860 00
County Tax }		2,335 00
	<hr/> \$49,382 08	<hr/> \$39,758 03

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY.

Town House and Lot	\$13,000 00	✓
Grammar School House and Lot	12,000 00	✓
Beach School House and Lot	4,500 00	✓
Pine Street School House and Lot	5,000 00	✓
Essex Street School House and Lot	2,000 00	✓
Farm School House and Lot	2,000 00	✓
Engine House and Lot, Engine and Hose, etc.	2,000 00	✓
Building for Storing Oil	25 00	✓
Gravel Pits	500 00	✓
Treasurer's Safe	50 00	
Safe at Town Hall	250 00	
Town Library	3,000 00	✓
Hay Scales	100 00	
Weights and Measures	100 00	
Two Revolvers, and Badges	25 00	
Two pairs Hand-Cuffs, two Whistles, two Billies	15 00	
Two Snow Plows	45 00	
Derrick and gear	150 00	
7 Shovels, 1 Bar, 4 Picks	10 00	
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	\$44,770 00	

*TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT IN ACCOUNT WITH MERRITT
E. PORTER, Collector.*

DR.

To amount of Taxes committed for collection by Assessors' warrant \$22,206 59

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Collected and paid into Town Treasury . .	\$19,064 49	
Collected and paid County Tax	2,335 00	
Discounts	332 17	
Abatements	474 93	
		————— \$22,206 59

MERRITT E. PORTER, *Collector.*

TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT IN ACCOUNT WITH

DR.

To cash paid Selectmen's orders, 1881	\$482 39
Selectmen's orders, 1882	32,427 03
Interest on notes	2,045 00
Nat. Grand Bank, tem. loan	2,500 00
Nat. Grand Bank, tem. loan	1,500 00
Nat. Grand Bank, tem. loan	2,000 00
L. H. Phillips	1,500 00
State tax	2,860 00
Discount on notes	122 80
* To cash in Treasury	15,332 54

\$60,769 76

* On deposit in the First National Bank of Lynn, and verified by cashier's certificate. \$11,000 of this amount is the unexpended balance of the Water Loan.

GEO. H. HOLDEN, TREASURER.

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By cash in Treasury	\$3,549 98
Nat. Grand Bank, Marblehead, tem. loan	2,500 00
Nat. Grand Bank, Marblehead, tem. loan	1,500 00
Nat. Grand Bank, Marblehead, tem. loan	2,000 00
L. H. Phillips	1,500 00
Mrs. Parsons	13 55
J. E. O. Nesbitt, rent of Town Hall	9 50
A. F. Nesbitt, rent of Town Hall	270 00
J. A. Knowlton, rent of Town Hall	6 00
Selectmen, cemetery lots	250 00
Mary Proctor	12 00
J. P. Russell	119 30
J. A. Knowlton, (Highway)	3 00
S. C. Pitman Estate, taxes	88 90
M. E. Porter, taxes	19,064 49
J. K. Woodbury	14 00
School Loan	3,500 00
J. A. Knowlton, old lumber	12 00
Commonwealth of Mass., water loan	15,000 00
Commonwealth of Mass., premium, water loan	150 00
Corporation Tax	7,449 58
National Bank Tax	2,146 64
State Aid	766 00
Indigent Soldiers' and Sailors' Relief	170 56
Hack Hire	5 00
Dog Licenses	192 11
Massachusetts School Fund	138 70
Town Library Receipts	21 60
John Stanley	127 88
Curbstone	188 97
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	\$60,769 76

LIST OF TOWN OFFICERS, 1882-3.

Selectmen.

JAMES A. KNOWLTON,
AARON R. BUNTING, ALLEN ROWE.
SECRETARY, JOHN L. SEGER.

Town Clerk.

BENJAMIN J. LINDSEY.

Assessors.

D. HOLMAN MILLETT, 1884.
ISAAC H. ANDREWS, 1885.
ALONZO COREY, 1883.

Treasurer.

GEORGE H. HOLDEN.

School Committee.

FRANK O. ELLIS, 1885.
IVORY EMMONS, 1884.
S. O. INGALLS, 1883.

Surveyor of Highways.

CHARLES S. PITMAN.

Overseers of the Poor.

JOHN C. STIMPSON, 1884.

JOHN A. ROGERS, 1885.

JOHN WASHBURN, 1883.

Collector of Taxes.

MERRITT E. PORTER.

Board of Health.

ABNER HAYFORD.

JOHN STANLEY.

WILLIAM H. COLLINS.

Auditors.

D. HOLMAN MILLETT.

EDWIN A. FARNHAM.

FRANCIS C. THING.

Constables.

JAMES WHEELER.

JOSEPH F. SYMONDS.

DAVID W. NESBITT.

Fence Viewers.

PELEG GARDNER,

AMOS HOLT,

RIENZI PHILLIPS.

Field Driver.

THOMAS WIDGER.

Pound Keeper.

THOMAS WIDGER.

Scaler of Weights and Measures,

EVERETT BOYNTON.

Trustees of Public Library.

CURTIS V. MERRITT.

FRANK F. STANLEY.

GEORGE H. HOLDEN.

Librarian.

MISS S. L. HONORS.

Engineers of Fire Department.

CHIEF, IVORY EMMONS.

FIRST ASSISTANT, A. FRANK NESBITT.

SECOND ASSISTANT, NATHANIEL GALEUCIA.

Superintendent of Cemetery.

CHARLES S. PITMAN.

Town Weighers.

THOMAS PEDRICK.

CHARLES S. LEWIS.

Janitor Town Hall.

A. FRANK NESBITT.

Police.

JOSEPH F. SYMONDS.

GEORGE M. CONNER.

A. FRANK NESBITT.

Agent of the Mass. Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

JAMES E. PHILLIPS.

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

TO THE CITIZENS OF SWAMPSCOTT :

We beg to submit to your kind consideration our Annual Report for the past year, and the accompanying recommendations. The year 1882 has been an eventful one in the history of our Town, involving expenses and labor which could not be foreseen. We hope our report will meet your approval and wise consideration.

DANVERS STREET BRIDGE.

After the organization of the Board the first and most important business was the repairing of the Danvers Street Bridge over the Eastern Railroad, which was in a very dangerous condition, the abutments being undermined probably by the removal of gravel by the Eastern Railroad employees, in order to drain the water from the tracks. Believing the Eastern Railroad Company liable for the damage, we conferred with the President and Road Master to get them to repair the abutments, but found them unwilling to do anything whatever ; we therefore contracted with Scott Bros. to repair the abutments, as the Town could be held responsible for any damage that might occur. Upon removing the timber and planking, they were found too rotten to be used again, necessitating the putting in of new material, thereby making the bridge perfectly safe. The Town should be reimbursed by the Eastern Railroad Co.

for at least part of the expense of the repairs, and we would suggest that some action be taken in the matter.

RAILROAD AVENUE.

This avenue has been much improved by the putting on of more than 700 loads of gravel, part of it being furnished by the Eastern Railroad. Messrs. David and Leonard Phillips generously deeded to the Town sufficient land to round the corner on Burrill St., and this, with the laying of curbstones, concrete walks, and other improvements has made the place very attractive.

KING STREET.

The Selectmen were instructed to lay a drain pipe to the Mudge estate, provided permission could be obtained from the trustees of the property, but were unsuccessful. The street was in a bad condition, and accordingly the grade was raised about fifteen inches, part of the material being donated by Jonathan Blaney, Esq. A little more grading next season will put the street in good condition, which we would recommend, together with the laying of the drain when permission can be obtained.

FIRE-PROOF VAULT.

In accordance with a vote of the Town there has been constructed in the Town House, adjacent to the Selectmen's room, a brick fire-proof vault, large enough to contain all the Town books, papers, maps, etc. This was very much needed. With the recent improvements in the Library and other parts of the house, it is very convenient, and is well taken care of by our efficient janitor.

STREET LAMPS.

This department is somewhat expensive, but seems to be

appreciated by our citizens. One lamp has been added the past year, making 116 in all, costing about the same as before. We would recommend that all lamp posts be placed on the edge of the sidewalks, and that the present system of lighting be continued.

PINE STREET EXTENSION.

A petition was on file for the Selectmen to lay out a street from New Ocean to Humphrey Street. Accordingly the abutters and others were notified, only a part of them appearing, and as there were no objections, a plan was adopted drawn by I. K. Harris, civil engineer, of Lynn. There being a difference of opinion between the Committee and Selectmen, about the outlet of Stacey's Brook, no further action was taken. This proposed street is much needed, and would be a great convenience to people living in that vicinity. When the proposed Eastern Avenue in Lynn is completed, which is to terminate on New Ocean Street, it would be advisable for the Town of Swampscott to continue it to Humphrey Street.

PINE AND NEW OCEAN STREETS.

During the past year the grade of Pine Street near the brook has been raised several inches, and needs to be raised more, to keep the road free from water during a freshet. The bridge on New Ocean Street, and its approaches, should be raised twelve or fifteen inches, so as to be on a level with Humphrey Street bridge, and we would recommend an appropriation for these streets.

STACEY'S BROOK.

During the past season a call was made on the City of Lynn for assistance to help clean out this brook, which

was readily furnished. This was necessary as the sand had partially filled the brook, thereby obstructing the flow of water. The outlet is evidently not in the right place, but as the brook makes the boundary line between Lynn and Swampscott there would be some difficulty in changing its course. The City of Lynn is willing to pay half the expense of repairing the old culvert, or in building a new one, provided it can remain where it now is. This matter should be attended to the coming season.

CURBSTONES.

The appropriations made in this department is money well expended. Fifteen hundred and forty-three and one-half feet have been laid this year. We trust this department will still continue to receive the favorable consideration of the citizens, and receive its usual appropriations.

DRAINS AT THE BEACHES.

Complaints were made by the citizens, as well as by the Board of Health, that the plank drains did not extend far enough on to the beach, and consequently they were lengthened. During a severe storm last Fall, a large part of the old portion of one of the drains washed out, and it was with difficulty replaced, in consequence of the high tides, and great flow of water. The planking has been secured by driving piles on the sides of the drains, to keep them from washing out.

HIGHWAYS.

This important department was placed under our supervision, by a vote of the Town. Under these circumstances it made our duties unpleasant, as it conflicted somewhat with the Surveyor; nevertheless the object for which we

were appointed has been accomplished, viz. : the reduction of the expenses.

It is evident that it has cost the Town nearly double the amount it should for grading and repairing our roads the past years. This department is one of great importance, and should be managed with economy and care. We would recommend that the gravel needed on the roads be placed there by contract, "per load." Also that all the tools belonging to the Town, that are not in actual use, be returned to the Town House and stored; and that the Selectmen be instructed to sell the derrick and its fixtures.

HORSE RAILROAD.

The Board was asked to locate a track on Essex Street; the people of that locality were notified, and as no objection was made, the Company were granted permission to extend their track from the Lynn line to the head of Burrill Street.

THE INTRODUCTION OF WATER.

At a special Town Meeting the Selectmen were instructed to get proposals for the furnishing and laying of water pipes, hydrants and other necessary fixtures. A contract was made with Norman, Weaver & Co., of Newport, R.I., to do the job, and complete it as soon as possible, according to plans and specifications, and to keep the pipes and hydrants in good repair for five years. They have laid about one-half of the pipes, and have placed a part of the hydrants, but the cold weather came on so quickly that they were unable to finish it, but were obliged to wait until Spring. We hope this matter will be attended to with care, and the hydrants and gates be placed in the proper places; also the streets should be left in good condition, and the entire job be completed before our Summer travel

begins. There is no doubt but what our contract with the Lynn Water Board will be carried out, now that the Legislature has given them the right to supply us with water.

POLICE DEPARTMENT.

This department is much needed, and should have the hearty co-operation of all citizens. Good order has generally prevailed throughout the town. Could the officers have the assistance and sympathy of the public they would be enabled to close all the drinking saloons in town. We would recommend that the Selectmen be instructed to offer a reward for the detection and conviction of any person found guilty of a violation of the liquor law. During the past year 17 arrests have been made, as follows: drunkenness, 6; vagrancy, 8; larceny, 2; breaking glass, 1; maintaining a liquor nuisance, 1; felonious assault, 1.

CLAIMS AGAINST THE TOWN.

Notice was received from Mr. Bell of the Beverly and Lynn Express, that his team had been upset on Essex St., and his wagon and goods damaged to the amount of \$253.20. On viewing the road where the accident happened, it was found very icy and sideling, and a railing on the side of the road had been removed by the Surveyor in 1881, for the purpose of dumping stones and gravel. After investigating the matter it was thought best to settle without further cost.

The suits brought against the Town by Dr. Guilford and Mrs. H. J. Thing have not yet come to trial. Our able counsel, C. P. Thompson, Esq., has them in charge.

IN THE INTEREST OF THE TOWN.

Some action should be taken by the Town to induce the

building of factories in this place, so that other kinds of business may be carried on here as well as in other towns and cities. There are plenty of men living here who work in Lynn and Boston, and as our fishing interest is failing fast, we would suggest that some encouragement should be given to shoe manufacturers to locate here.

The petition of J. M. Grosvenor and others, to have Beach Bluff Avenue and streets laid out, should be accepted, and has our hearty co-operation. There has been quite an improvement made on Orient Square, by the liberal donation of land given by Messrs. Edmunds, Hayford and Phillips.

The recommendations and suggestions of our welfare, to which we called your attention, are respectfully submitted.

JAMES A. KNOWLTON,	}	<i>Selectmen of Swampscott.</i>
AARON R. BUNTING,		
ALLEN ROWE,		

REPORT OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES.

OUR Library has now completed the fifteenth year of its existence, and we are pleased to report for it a continuance of usefulness and popularity in distributing reading matter to our citizens, acceptably to their several tastes or desires.

Its growth during the past year has been an average of that of former years, about the usual number of books having been added by donation and purchase as in previous years. The number of books added by purchase was 354; the number donated, 1. The volume added by gift we are pleased to acknowledge as from Mrs. Grace A. Oliver, being her work entitled "Miss Edgeworth." The addition of these books makes a total now in the Library of 4,662, including magazines and pamphlets. The number who have now registered their names, and to whom books have been loaned, is 1,100; and we have distributed during the year among our book-takers, 17,618 volumes. This circulation, for so comparatively a small library, we are pleased to record, but we desire, however, to see the number increased, and to be able in future years to see reported our circulation a much larger number.

The amount received from fines and sale of cards and catalogues, mostly from the latter source, has been \$21.60. This amount, by requirement that it should be paid into the Town Treasury without credit to the library funds, having been diverted from the use to which like sums have been available in previous years, that of replenishing

the cards and catalogues, we mention it especially, trusting to insure thereby care in the future that this money is properly credited to us. We have been able by means of an appropriation made at the last Annual Town Meeting to make this year the much needed improvement in the Library Rooms. The room in the rear of the Library was placed at our disposal, and it has been used to extend our shelf-room, and it being of good size has afforded us means to make a large addition of shelves, making room for probably the books that may be purchased for two or three years. Our shelf-room is now comprised in the space of one side of our room, and as the Library grows to need additional shelves, the other side can be utilized for the purpose, and will give ample space for a number of years to come. The work upon the improvements we feel well satisfied with. The tasteful ceiling decorations, the new gas fixtures, and carpet, add each to the attractive appearance that our rooms now present, and upon the small cost the Trustees congratulate themselves. Miss Honors, as Librarian, fulfils the position to the entire satisfaction of the patrons and ourselves, while her assistants, Masters Stone and Earp, deserve a word of praise for their quiet, gentlemanly and attentive performance of their duties.

Respectfully submitted,

CURTIS V. MERRITT,	} <i>Trustees.</i>
GEO. H. HOLDEN,	
F. F. STANLEY,	

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK.

BIRTHS.

Males, 20 ; Females, 18 ; Total 38.

Twins, 1 pair.

Nativity of Fathers.—Maine, 5 ; Ireland, 3 ; Vermont and Connecticut, 1 each ; Massachusetts, 27.

Nativity of Mothers.—Maine, 4 ; Nova Scotia, 4 ; Ireland, 3 ; Vermont, New Hampshire, New York and Canada, 1 each ; Massachusetts, 22.

Fathers born in Swampscott, 4 ; mothers, 7.

Births in January, 2 ; February, 3 ; March, 1 ; April, 2 ; May, 1 ; June, 6 ; July, 5 ; August, 5 ; September, 4 ; October, 3 ; November, 3 ; December, 3.

MARRIAGES.

Mariages recorded, 32. Certificates issued, 30.

Marriages in January, 4 ; February, 1 ; March, 1 ; April, 5 ; May, 3 ; June, 4 ; July, 1 ; August, 1 ; September, 2 ; October, 1 ; November, 6 ; December, 3.

Oldest couple, 51 and 43 ; youngest couple, 19 and 16. Oldest groom, 51 ; bride, 43. Youngest groom, 19 ; bride, 16. Second marriages, grooms, 6 ; brides, 3.

Nativity of Grooms.—New Hampshire, 4 ; Maine, 3 ; Nova Scotia, 3 ; Ireland, 1 ; Pennsylvania, 1 ; Massachusetts, 20.

Nativity of Brides.—New Hampshire, 1 ; Nova Scotia, 5 ; England, Scotland, New Jersey, Maryland, North Carolina, Vermont, and Ireland, 1 each ; Massachusetts, 19.

Grooms born in Swampscott, 4 ; brides, 6.

Occupation of Grooms.—Shoemakers, 6 ; clerks, 5 fishermen, 5 ; farmers, 2 ; shoe cutters, 2 ; morocco dressers, 2 ; barber, in-

surance agent, shoe laster, banker, teamster, painter, laborer, wood worker, coachman, and merchant, 1 each.

Married by John E. Dame, 6; N. H. Martin, 3; George A. Jackson, 3; W. H. Rogers, 2; J. Coleman Adams, Lynn, 3; J. C. Harrington, Lynn, 2; A. A. Williams, Lynn, 2; J. Melvin, Lynn, S. D. Gammell, Lynn, Henry Hinkley, Lynn, William T. Burns, Lynn, A. B. Kendig, Lynn, and P. Strain, Lynn, 1 each; Chas. Arey and S. C. Cary, Beverly, 1 each; DeWatts Clarke, Salem, 1; J. H. Williams, Marblehead, 1; Howard A. Brown, Brookline, 1.

DEATHS.

Males, 15; Females, 21; Total, 36.

Deaths in January, 3; February, 1; March, 1; April, 3; May, 2; June, 2; July, 2; August, 7; September, 7; October, 1; November, 4; December, 3. Under 5 years, 6; 5 to 10, none; 10 to 20, 3; 20 to 30, 4; 30 to 40, 3; 40 to 50, 5; 50 to 60, 4; 60 to 70, 3; 70 to 80, 5; 80 to 90, 3.

Causes.—Diabetes, miscarriage, old age, psoriasis, debility, perforation of stomach, burned, cholera infantum, peritonitis, no milk of mother, diphtheria, phthisis, nephritis, cancer of liver, suicide, bronchitis, nervous and rheumatic fevers, septicemeci, still-born, 1 each; heart disease, 4; pneumonia, 3; consumption, 2; paralysis, 4; Bright's disease, 2; dysentery, 2.

Sixty years and upwards.—John P. Pierce, 64; Maria L. Phillips, 67; Harriet G. Armstrong, 66; Charles Bacon, 79; Martha Kendall, 86; Jas. T. Harris, 74; Frances R. Bridges, 71; Jona. F. Phillips, 71; Mary Connell, 80; Mary Questrom, 85; Caroline A. Mudge, 70.

DOG LICENSES.

Number of dogs licensed, 106; males, 96; females, 10.

BENJ. J. LINDSEY, *Town Clerk.*

REPORT OF FIRE DEPARTMENT.

TO THE CITIZENS OF SWAMPSCOTT :

I have the honor to submit to you my second annual Report, for the year ending February, 1883.

APPARATUS.

The apparatus consists of one engine, in good working order ; 600 feet of hose ; 50 feet new suction hose ; four ladders with roof hooks ; cover for ladders ; two large portable platforms.

FIRE RECORD.

August 4. A wooden building on Humphrey Street, owned by Levi Nickerson, and occupied by him as an oil clothing factory.

September 6. An unoccupied wooden house on Humphrey Street, owned by Jonathan Blaney.

September 6. The "Ocean House," a wooden building on Orient Street, owned by Carter & Burgh, of Boston.

September 7. Re-kindling of "Ocean House" fire.

Two other slight fires have been noted, but prompt action saved these buildings, without general alarm.

In my report of last year, it was recommended that the Town take some action that would make the property of our citizens more secure, by introducing into the Town a supply of water for fire purposes. The Town have since

voted to do this. Some of the pipes have already been laid, and we only wait the opening of Spring to complete the work.

The fifty feet of suction hose purchased this year, will fit Lynn steamers, and has a coupling to fit our own engine.

The ladders have been placed in the Grammar School yard, as this was thought to be the best place for them. The platforms were made by the direction of the Selectmen, to be used in case of fire near the ocean, where only salt water could be had. One to be kept at Geo. Towns' stable, at the Upper Beach. The other, at James Knowlton's boat shop, Lower Beach.

We would this year recommend that the Town purchase 1400 feet of hose, and a good hose carriage; and that it be kept at the beach somewhere in the vicinity of the hay scales, in such a place as the Town shall decide. Also, that the Town authorize the Selectmen to continue the water pipe to the entrance of the "Old Ocean House road," so that parties can connect pipe, at their own expense, suitable for hydrants.

Last year we had a company of thirty members; these men although able and willing to do their duty at all times, were, from the fact of their living, many of them, on the outskirts of the Town, and others being employed on the water and elsewhere at a distance, unable to be on hand when most wanted. To remedy this, it was thought best this year, to select twelve men, who lived and were employed in the Town, thinking they would be of more service to us than the larger company under the circumstances stated. Twelve names were sent in to the Selectmen for approval. They were accepted, and notified by them, that they would receive for their services two dollars a year each (their poll tax); this not being considered sufficient pay, the company disbanded. Our help has in consequence,

been voluntary, and has been paid by the Town according to services rendered.

I would take this occasion to extend our hearty thanks to the Fire Departments of Lynn, Salem and Marblehead, that were so ready, willing and prompt, to render service at the fires we have had this year.

IVORY EMMONS, *Chief Engineer.*

A. F. NESBETT,
NATHANIEL GALEUCIA, } *Assistants.*

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT CEMETERY.

THE past year has improved the Cemetery but very little. No gravel has been put upon the roads, and very few shrubs and trees have been planted. And what with the drouth and pecuniary Board of Selectmen very little has been done for improvement. Our street sweepings had to go for sidewalks, and the roads had to go without gravel, which must be attended to another year, as the roads are getting so loamy, and makes a large expense in taking care of them.

Our Town Tomb is getting too small, and as boxes are used for the caskets, it is impossible to get them in the door of the tomb without putting them in sideways, and something should be done at once to remedy this evil.

The receipts have been \$300; 12 lots having been sold at \$25 each. The total expenditure has been \$191.

During the year there have been thirty-six deaths.

C. S. PITMAN, *Superintendent.*

SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Two snow plows, 7 shovels, 1 crowbar, 4 picks.

The Selectmen can, no doubt, account for the tools, etc., they have.

C. S. PITMAN, *Surveyor.*

TOWN WARRANT.

ESSEX, ss.

To JAMES WHEELER, CONSTABLE OF THE TOWN OF
SWAMPSCOTT : GREETING.

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Swampscott, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the TOWN HALL, in said Swampscott, on the SEVENTEENTH day of MARCH current, at 9 o'clock, A.M., then and there to act on the following articles :—

ARTICLE 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for one year.
To choose a Town Treasurer for one year.
To choose a Board of Selectmen for one year.
To choose one Assessor for three years.
To choose a Collector of Taxes for one year.
To choose one or more Surveyors of Highways for one year.
To choose one School Committee for three years.
To choose one Overseer of the Poor for three years.
To choose three Fence Viewers for one year.
To choose a Board of Health Officers for one year.
To choose three members of the Auditing Committee for one year.
To choose all necessary Constables, Field Drivers, and Pound Keepers for one year.
All to be chosen on one ballot.

ART. 3. Shall liecnse be granted for the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town? Yes, or No. By ballot.

ART. 4. To hear and act upon the Reports of the Selectmen, the Auditors, the School Committee, the Trustees of the Library, the Surveyor of Highways, the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, the Committee on Street Lights, the Superintendent of Cemetery, and any other Committee previously chosen.

ART. 5. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town expenses for the ensuing year ; and make appropriations for the same.

ART. 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money under the direction of the Selectmen, to pay Town indebtedness.

ART. 7. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to hire money under the direction of the Selectmen in anticipation of the taxes to be assessed and collected.

ART. 8. To see what amount of bonds will be required of the Town Treasurer for the current year.

ART. 9. To see what amount of bonds will be required of the Collector for the collection of the taxes for the current year.

ART. 10. To see what compensation the Town will allow the Collector for the collection of the taxes for the ensuing year.

ART. 11. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the collection of taxes.

ART. 12. To see what discount, if any, the Town will allow on taxes paid before a certain date.

ART. 13. To see in what manner the Town will appropriate the money received for the licensing of dogs.

ART. 14. To see if the Town will accept the List of Jurors as prepared by the Selectmen.

ART. 15. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money to furnish and set curb stones, provided the abutters will pay one-half of the expenses.

ART. 16. To see what action the Town will take in regard to lighting street lamps, and appropriate money therefor.

ART. 17. To see if the Town will vote to pay Murray Blaney the sum of one hundred dollars for land taken from his lot in widening Rose Street in the year 1881, agreeable to the petition of Thomas E. Stone and others.

ART. 18. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to lay out as town-ways the streets known respectively as Beach Bluff Avenue, Mostyn Street, and Eulow Street, and lay them out as shown on a plan by Whitman & Breck, surveyors, entitled "Plan of Building Lots at Beach Bluff, Swampscott, Mass.," dated Dec., 1873, or do anything in relation to the same, agreeable to the petition of J. M. Grosvenor and others.

ART. 19. To see if the Town will accept that part of Mudge Street that lies within the limits of the Town of Swampscott, (said street being fifty feet wide,) agreeable to the petition of A. M. Whipple and others.

ART. 20. To see if the Town will appropriate a certain sum of money to suppress the sale of intoxicating liquors in this Town.

ART. 21. To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money sufficient to repair the way leading from King Street to the vicinity of the dwelling house of James Burnett, so as to make the same passable for horses and vehicles, agreeable to the petition of Thomas Stanley and others.

ART. 22. To see if the Town will appropriate a sufficient sum of money to purchase a Chemical engine.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Hall, Depot, Post Office, and three other public and conspicuous places in the Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make the return of this warrant with your

doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this third day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-three.

JAMES A. KNOWLTON,	}	<i>Selectmen</i>
ALLEN ROWE,		<i>of</i>
A. R. BUNTING,		<i>Swampscott.</i>

A true copy. Attest:

JAMES WHEELER, *Constable.*

THIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF SWAMPSCOTT,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB. 28, 1883.



LYNN:

THOS. P. NICHOLS, PRINTER.

NO. 24 MARKET STREET.

1883.

REPORT OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

TO THE CITIZENS OF SWAMPSCOTT :

THE season which brings your Committee before you again in its annual Report, does not differ essentially in attending circumstances from similar occasions within the past few years.

Without specifying any possible exceptions, we feel justified in congratulating you upon the general condition of the schools of the Town, and the work accomplished in them within the past year. Very little friction has occurred to hinder the routine of school business ; and, as we think our methods are nearly abreast of the best established practice in towns with corresponding facilities, we believe the work to be as creditable in amount and quality as can reasonably be expected. Like many propositions in natural science, theory and practice differ somewhat, so that what may be claimed theoretically as the fruit of our educational system, is beyond its actual capacity ; and due allowance must be made for human frailties in pupils, teachers, parents and Committee, as well as loss of power by unforeseen and unavoidable contingencies — sickness, bad weather, etc.

While remarking in this general way as regards our school department — by far the most important of our

Town interests — it may not be out of place to speak of one of the trials of those to whom this department is committed ; namely, the impossibility of satisfying everybody. Were it possible so to do, there would certainly be a great temptation to administer the duties of the position in that way, even at a sacrifice of public interest. But as long as men and women are human, we shall need to be forbearing ; and as teachers and Committee are in constant exercise of patience in their discharge of duty, we beg that you will extend the same consideration to us, in view of the fact that we all belong to the same family. It is not easy for one who has some grievance in connection with the administration of a public school, to understand why the cause of complaint — supposing it to be valid — should not be at once removed. But it is often the case that the rights of others, and perhaps of the whole school or Town, are involved in what the complainant thinks should be summarily adjusted in his own interest. Let the same one take a place with us in the responsibilities of school administration, and he would probably do just about the same as those whom he now censures. To use the substance of a homely old saying, by way of illustration, “Things look differently to one on a house-top.” We would further remark that many cases of dissatisfaction result from an incorrect understanding of facts ; and if it was more customary for parties in interest to visit the schools and consult teachers and members of the Committee, there would be fewer reasons for open complaint. And in conclusion of this portion of our Report, it is proper to call attention to the fact that self-interest of teachers and Committee, in whatever light it may be viewed — had they no higher controlling motives — would prompt them to strict attention to duty, and a faithful and impartial administration of justice toward every pupil and parent with whom they come in

contact. We pass now to consider a few topics somewhat in detail.

ATTENDANCE

Will be found to have increased somewhat in the aggregate, particularly in the Pine Street and Grammar buildings. There has been, perhaps, a little greater loss of time on the part of pupils than for two or three years, owing to slight illness, and detention of the younger ones, on account of bad weather and the like.

STUDIES AND BOOKS

Have not been changed to any considerable extent; some changes having been completed that were instituted the previous year. We are now endeavoring to complete a system of secondary or supplemental reading for all the schools, which shall combine freshness, variety, and accurate information, together with the practice of the principles taught in the text-book readers. Additional attention has also been given to spelling, by the use of the spelling book, in addition to the consideration of words from the reading lessons. Writing, drawing, arithmetic, geography, grammar, history, and general exercises, are each allotted a due proportion of time and attention, it being our purpose that all shall become as proficient as possible in the elementary branches of education.

VISITATION OF THE SCHOOLS

Has been more frequent than of late years, more time having been given by the Committee, and we hope more good done — if, indeed, they do good in this way! It would afford us great satisfaction, and greatly encourage teachers and pupils, if parents and others would avail themselves of the standing invitation to go and see what is being done.

TRUANCY

Has caused little trouble during the year, a very few having been the occasion of nearly all the attention of our worthy officer. The following is his Report : —

“For the year ending February 20, I have investigated thirty-six cases, visited nineteen families, and returned one to school.”

We would again urge upon parents the importance of prompt and constant attendance on the part of their children. A little care on their part will almost entirely prevent truancy.

OUR TEACHERS

Are the same as at the close of our last annual Report. MISS WARDWELL was unable to return to the care of the Beach Intermediate School; hence MISS COCHRAN was regularly appointed to the position she was filling so acceptably as substitute a year ago. All the teachers have manifested competency in their several positions; and while it may not be deemed by them a valuable compliment, we yet take pleasure in saying that we consider the Town fortunate in having a corps of teachers of such high average ability and faithfulness.

SCHOOL SESSIONS.

There is a growing tendency in our State and elsewhere, to extend the noon recess until two o'clock, and dispensing nearly or altogether with the old-time practice of an afternoon recess. After mature deliberation, we have arranged that our afternoon sessions shall begin uniformly at a quarter to two, with the thought that after a time the hour may be further changed to conform to the practice elsewhere. It is claimed that in addition to time saved to teacher and pupils for other purposes, the latter make more rapid progress than under the old system. The present

arrangement will accommodate a considerable number who live remote from their schools, and have formerly been pressed for time in going to their dinners.

THE PINE STREET SCHOOLS.

The overflowing condition of these schools has been a serious problem for the Committee during the past year, and is not yet solved. Much inconvenience has resulted from our inability to accommodate more than could be seated, and unless means can be devised by which to relieve these schools of this pressure, their work in the next year must necessarily be retarded.

It will be remembered that in our last Report we recommended the removal of the Essex Street School to some point near the head of Burrill Street, and contemplating its enlargement into a graded school like that of Pine Street; but that the plan was not adopted by the Town. Had this been done, the school districts in this part of the Town could have been easily and naturally arranged, so that the schools would be more evenly divided, and be much improved in working capacity. We therefore renew our recommendation, believing that the public interest demands that the "cemetery district" and that part of the Town above the Eastern Railroad should be organized into a school district, with a primary and intermediate school. Were it not for the distance and inconvenience, we could find temporary relief by sending some pupils to the Beach Schools, since these are not as well filled as we would like; but in trying to accomplish this during the last Fall term, we stirred up such a "bees' nest" of dissatisfaction, that we were glad to abandon the attempt for the time being. We take occasion now to say, nevertheless, that unless other relief is provided, the Committee will be obliged to make a new arrangement of school territory next Fall.

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOL BUILDING.

During last Summer's vacation, we were able to accomplish the much-needed enlargement of the accommodations of the Grammar Schools. Our recommendation of the purchase of the Wiley estate, adjoining, for school purposes, was found to be impracticable, by reason of high price; and the special committee, in whose hands the matter was placed, turned their attention to the feasibility of enlarging the old building. This idea had not been seriously entertained by the School Board, hence they had no plan to submit; but after a brief consultation with the special committee, a plan was devised and a rough estimate was submitted to the adjourned Town meeting. An appropriation was then made, and the charge of the work given to the School Committee.

It soon became apparent that the plan of enlargement proposed would fail to serve its purpose, and its execution be a waste of money. By a change, that in substance resulted in an extension of the old school-rooms to the rear of the lot, we have been enabled to secure all the needed room in the most satisfactory shape; and when we consider its perfect adaptability and the delight it gives to all its occupants, we have to acknowledge that we "builded better than we knew." The Committee gave close personal supervision to the work, and feel to say with confidence that the work has been done in a substantial manner, and that the Town will not probably need additional room for its grammar schools for some years. The total expense, including heating and furnishing, was considerably more than at first contemplated; but when we look over the whole work and see how much we have to show for it, we consider it *cheap*. We tender our thanks to the Town for its liberality in appropriating sufficient funds without delay.

In connection with the building, we may mention that the expense of fuel and janitor's salary has increased, but

that in return the space warmed and the service rendered is increased in much larger proportion. The matter of ventilating the rooms was carefully considered, and the dead, foul air, which formerly was so noticeable to a visitor, is not now perceptible, being carried off by ventilating fireplaces, necessitating an inflow of pure air. With proper care on the part of teachers and pupils, there need now be no discomfort or unwholesomeness in any of the rooms in the building.

THE GRAMMAR SCHOOLS

Are making very satisfactory progress, and we take pleasure in asking as many as desire to see a live Yankee school to visit the rooms of MISSES HADLEY and MOTT, where they will now find all the materials and accessories in the hands of these competent and experienced teachers. With from fifty to sixty-five pupils in either school, there is little spare time on the part of the teachers; but with the aid of MISS CLARK as assistant in taking charge of certain recitations in both schools, the work of instruction is dispatched in a thorough and creditable manner. In addition to other equipments in the First Grammar, we have lately placed therein a first-class piano, made necessary by the changes in the building, which cut off the school from the benefit of the instrument formerly used jointly by the two schools on the same floor. In the Second Grammar, we have placed an organ, which has aided very materially in developing the vocal music of the school—a part of school education by many not deemed essential, but in our judgment of scarcely less importance than the three great and original R's of olden time.

THE HIGH SCHOOL.

We should have few regrets did public duty permit us

to pass by without mentioning our High School. An unfortunate succession of unfavorable conditions, from the first term of the school, has made the responsibility of the Committee in this matter anything but pleasant. At times we have felt much encouraged, only to be again disheartened, but never yet to despair. A year since, though not altogether what we wished, the school seemed to be permanently improved, and we reported accordingly; but since the opening of school in September last, there has been an almost constant deterioration in tone and attendance, until within a month past, during which time we have found a marked improvement. The reasons and the responsibility for this discouraging condition we conceive to be widely distributed; and inasmuch as it has been a topic of public discussion, and much feeling has existed in regard to it, we deem it excusable at least, if not demanded by duty, that we present plainly our views to those whom we are addressing.

From the opening of the school, in 1876, there has been an opposition to its maintenance, the claim being made that we have no use for a High School, and that if any desire such an education for their children, they can send them to Lynn or elsewhere. It is sufficient in reply to this to repeat what we have before said, that the law of the State provides for the establishment and perpetuation of a school of this grade in all towns of five hundred or more families, and it cannot now be doubted that we are fully obliged to maintain such a school. And your Committee feel convinced that the Town needs it, and that with proper public spirit in regard to it, and an acceptable administration of its affairs, it may be a great benefit to all who will avail themselves of its privileges for their children.

Another source of difficulty has been a manifest feeling on the part of many who have entered the school, that the

chief end to be attained was to "have a good time." And we have not had reason to feel that proper dignity and self-respect was inculcated at home; but rather that instead of endeavoring to build up the school by encouraging manliness and womanliness in the pupils, they have too often only learned to disparage and criticize. Such a course, whether intentionally or thoughtlessly pursued, will break down or greatly impair the usefulness of a school much stronger than ours in its elements, even though it be under a much wiser direction than ours has been.

Again, the element of permanency has been lacking; only a few continuing beyond the first year, making it difficult to maintain advanced classes and the enthusiasm of numbers to aid those who do remain. The temptation to drop out of the ranks and go to earning money, or to go elsewhere to pursue study, has proved too much for a great majority of our students and their parents. While we think this is generally a grave mistake, and that it would be far better to make considerable sacrifice in order to support our own school, yet we mention it more to show the difficulty of those in authority in sustaining it.

We are well aware that many of our townsmen believe that all the imperfections in the working of the school are to be remedied by a change in its administration; and we have stated our views as above, that it may be understood that whatever may be chargeable to that source, the unsatisfactory condition of the High School is largely due to the causes we have mentioned. It is the purpose of the Committee to enter upon the next school year with an assurance of better things; but, for good and sufficient reasons, they deem it unwise and impracticable to make a change until after the Spring term.

It should not be inferred from the foregoing that we believe the school has accomplished nothing creditable during the year, for such is not the case. Much hard work

has been done, and substantial progress has been made by many, in science, literature, and language, as we can attest from personal observation. It is only the more to be regretted that there is not a more general appreciation of the capabilities of the school, and a determination on the part of all concerned to sustain it until it becomes the pride of the Town. *It can be done*, and with the help of the pupils and parents, *it will be done!*

CONCLUSION.

We have omitted the mention of many minor items, for the purpose of discussing somewhat in detail matters of greater importance. If definite principles and plans are before us, there need be less thought as to details. We call attention to the probability of a large future growth of school population, and the wisdom of liberal foresight in school management. We can but feel that we have large responsibilities in the oversight of those who in a few years will take our places in the active affairs of life. And we beg to assure our fellow-citizens that we have deep interest in promoting our school interests so as to accomplish the greatest possible good.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

FRANK O. ELLIS, SAM'L O. INGALLS, IVORY EMMONS,	}	Committee.
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HIGH SCHOOL.

GENTLEMEN OF THE SCHOOL BOARD :

Herewith I submit my Report of the attendance, scholarship, and deportment of the pupils in my department from January 1, 1882 to January 1, 1883.

STATISTICAL REPORT OF THE SWAMPSCOTT HIGH SCHOOL, FROM JAN. 1, 1882 TO JAN. 1, 1883.

NAMES.	Days Belonging.	Days Absent.	Scholarship.	Deportment.	NAMES.	Days Belonging.	Days Absent.	Scholarship.	Deportment.
<i>First Class.</i>					Hatch, Herbert O.....	200	14	.85	.80
Knowlton, C. F.....	120	4	.90	.85	Potter, Ernest H.....	200	9	.95	1.00
Rowell, C. G.....	120	9	.85	.75	Roberts, Minnie G....	200	31	.75	.70
Oliver, Grace.....	200	7	1.00	.85	Ryan, Peter F.....	200	12	.85	.95
Caswell, Eliza.....	200	1	.85	.75	Rich, William.....	200	13	.67	.75
Galeucia, Lillie.....	200	29	.90	.80	Paine, Thomas.....	200	13	.85	.70
<i>Second Class.</i>					Eastman, Fred.....	200	33	.95	1.00
Barberie, May.....	90	8	.78	.80	<i>Third Class.</i>				
Stanley, Louise C.....	120	27	.85	.80	Austin, Herbert G....	50	0	.75	.80
Blanchard, Fred.....	180	37	.60	.70	Granger, Gardie.....	80	7	.80	.90
Delano, Arthur B.....	80	6	.60	.65	Gould, Addie L.....	80	9	1.00	.90
Horton, Jerry L.....	120	1	.75	.70	Hayford, Annie R....	80	12	.75	.90
Morris, Stephen.....	120	2	.82	.80	Hayford, Wendell A..	80	6	.78	.70
Hayes, Hannah.....	80	26	.60	.70	Hardy, Elmer A.....	80	3	.90	1.00
Shaw, Flora B.....	45	1	.96	.70	Johnson, Augustus D.	80	7	.70	.70
Bunting, Elliot A.....	200	2	.95	.80	Melzard, Lettie.....	50	0	1.00	.90
Crowell, Josie.....	200	17	.55	.60	Neil, Clara S.....	80	2	1.00	1.00
Gale, Mary.....	200	6	.80	1.00	Stone, Herbert R.....	80	1	.80	.70
Chase, Herbert.....	200	28	.85	.93	Randall, Willie.....	20	1	.50	.55
O'Brien, Maggie.	200	3	.99	1.00	Randall, Herbert.....	20	2	.50	.75

The following pupils, now members of the School, are not included in the above Report:—
J. LELAND CLARK, KATE STRATTON, H. B. NEWCOMB.

WINTER TERM:	{ Whole number in attendance	25
	{ Average number in attendance	24
SPRING TERM:	{ Whole number in attendance	21
	{ Average number in attendance	21
FALL TERM:	{ Whole number in attendance	27
	{ Average number in attendance	23
Average attendance for the year		22.6
Average age		14.5 years

The figures under "days belonging," show the number of "school days" each pupil has been connected with the school.

The figures under "days absent," show the amount of time lost during the regular session.

The numbers under "scholarship," give a fair estimate of the relative standing of each pupil in the several departments of study, and the figures, under "deportment," give an approximate idea of pupils under rule.

Such a record as the the above must necessarily be incomplete, especially when you take into the account the multiform changes that go on in the course of the year. This department is subjected to such changes more than any other.

The closing of the Summer term and the opening of the Fall term, make this very apparent. In the matter of school character, there has been an advance all along the line—more self-control, more self-respect, better habits of study, a cheerful yielding to good counsels and school authority. A sudden jostling in the gearing and running of machinery, indicates a loosening or absolute breakage of portions of that machinery, but not in any sense the weakness of purpose of the inventor and engineer; so in school life and work, you are not to conclude from certain aberrations from the right line, that the governing power is gone.

Our best critics tell us that disturbances are not inconsistent with the highest order of discipline. Every experienced teacher knows this to be true. Practical men establish practical truths.

The whole number connected with the School during the period above named has been 40; the average number in attendance 22.6. The course of study ordered by the Board has been carried out as fully as possible under the circumstances.

The following Text Books have been used with more or less success:—Bradbury's Algebra; Bradbury's Geometry; Physiology; Harkness' Latin Introductory; Harkness' Latin Reader; Stuart's Cæsar; Barnes' United States History; Swinton's General History; Hall's Rhetoric; Steele's Natural Philosophy and Chemistry; Gray's Botany; Kettel's French; Meservey's Book-keeping; Astronomy; Virgil, (Greenough's).

GENERAL EXERCISES.—Collateral Reading; Declamations; Recitations; English Composition; Written Abstracts on important studies.

The history of each scholar is found in the statistical table.

We are *not responsible* for the very short time that each pupil is found in the school-room. The permanent scholar is the only one really educated.

Education is not *only* the training of the mind, but of the man as a whole. Hence in our work we have not undertaken to insert facts merely in the pupil's mind, as you would put books in a library, or specimens in a cabinet,—but also, to develop their powers of thinking, and their application of knowledge.

The school in its present aspect suffers *only* when we forget its past history, and the present uncontrolled obstacles.

Our apparatus has been improved and enlarged, and made serviceable to our scholars in natural science and chemical analysis. Great interest has been shown by several of the pupils in natural science,—this certainly is an encouraging development. We have disabilities and defeats, and what department of life is free from them? We will “organize victory out of defeat,” “*nil desperandum*,” is our motto.

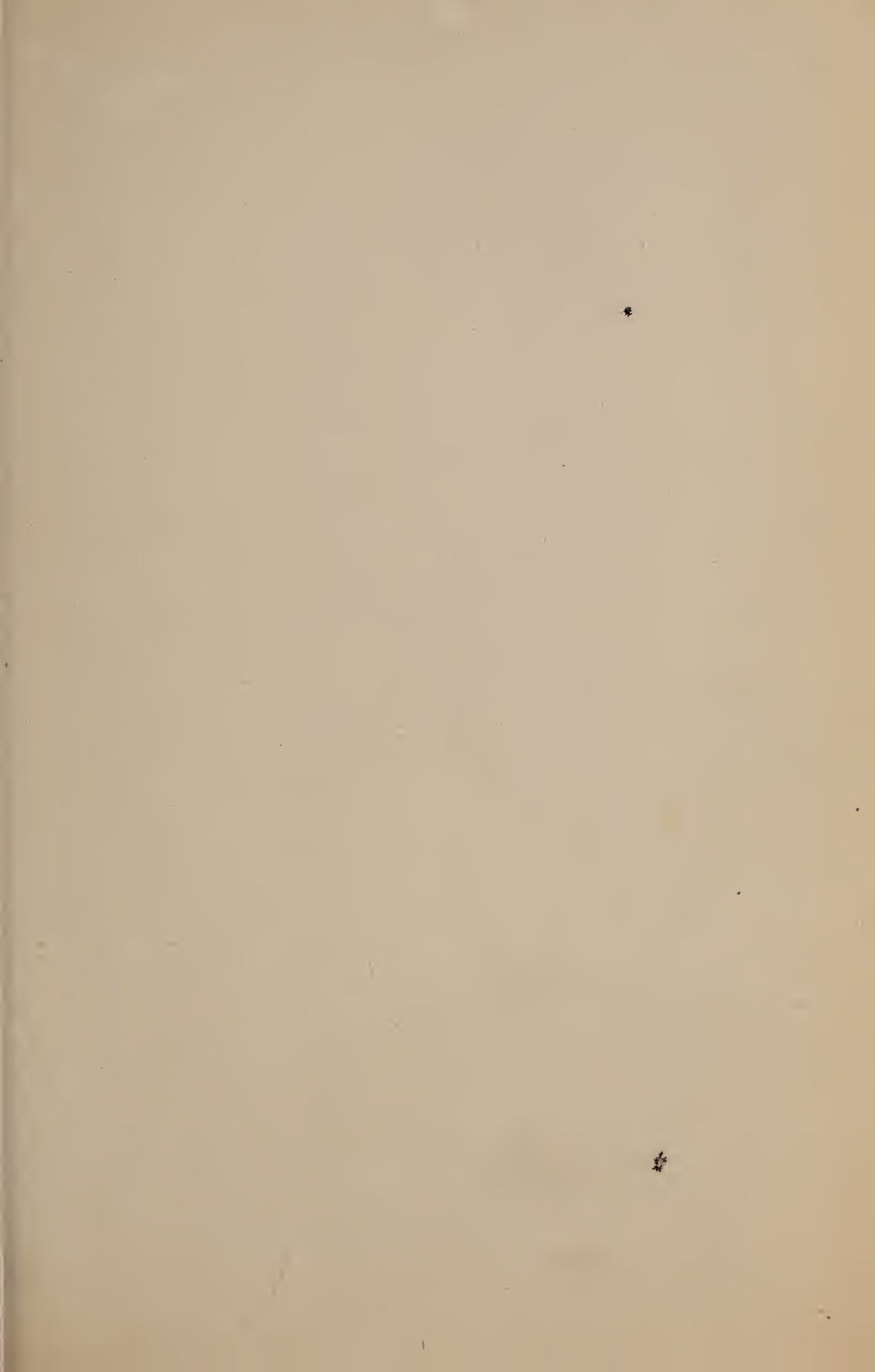
The judicious enlargement and excellent arrangement of the school building, reflects great credit upon the Committee in charge.

Respectfully submitted.

JONAS B. CLARK, *Principal*.

STATISTICS OF SCHOOLS, 1882.

SCHOOL.	TEACHER.	WINTER TERM.		SPRING TERM.		FALL TERM.		AVERAGE AGE.
		Whole No. in attend.	Average No. in attend.	Whole No. in attend.	Average No. in attend.	Whole No. in attend.	Average No. in attend.	
FIRST PRIMARY	Miss C. F. Mott	44	35	44	39	45	37	7.5
BEACH PRIMARY.....	Miss Stanley....	38	30+	42	36	42	34	7.2
PINE STREET PRIMARY.....	Miss Boynton...	44	34	51	44.3	48	43.5	7.5
ESSEX STREET	Miss Machon ...	22	18.6	21	18.5	17	15.8	8
FARMS.....	Miss Chase.....	26	23	33	26	30	25	8
BEACH INTERMEDIATE.....	Miss Cochran...	28	26.5	28	24.5	24	21.5	10.5
PINE STREET INTERMEDIATE.	Miss Thing.....	45	40	44	39.5	50	46.5	10
SECOND GRAMMAR.....	Miss Hadley....	54	45.4	45	38.3	68	59.6	12
FIRST GRAMMAR	Miss A. M. Mott	50	47	46	43.7	39	37.8	13.6
HIGH	Mr. Clark.....	25	24	21	21	27	23	14.5



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